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failures in reading arising from the different positions of the label sticking sections and eliminates the need to change the position of the read sensor of the reader depending on the size of the folding container.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

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~~Please AMEND claims 2 to 5 as follows:~~

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0 2. (Amended) The folding container according to claim 3, wherein one of the opposed side walls has through-holes into which the corresponding locking blocks, which project upward, can be inserted upon folding.

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3. (Amended) A folding container comprising side walls disposed in a fashion surrounding a bottom portion of the folding container and which can be folded so as to overlap the bottom portion, the side walls each having engagement frame sections formed thereon for engaging the adjacent side walls so that, when stood up perpendicularly with respect to the bottom portion, the side walls will not fall down inward, the bottom portion has locking blocks formed thereon on which the bottom portion of a stacked folded folding container can be fitted, the side walls each have recesses formed therein and each having an open underside into which a cooperating locking block of an assembled folding container can be received, and the engagement frame sections being operative to mutually engage the side walls where the walls are stood up and to engage the side walls with respect to the bottom portion when the side walls are folded, wherein engagement projections

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formed on the engagement frame sections of each side wall are configured to fit in corresponding through-holes in a cooperating fitting section formed in the bottom portion when each side wall is stood up perpendicularly with respect to the bottom portions.

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4. (Amended) The folding container according to claim 3, wherein, when the side walls are stood up perpendicularly with respect to the bottom portion, a bottom surface of each side wall comes in surface contact with a top surface of the bottom portion.

5. (Amended) The folding container according to claim 4, wherein card presser pieces, each constituting a card holder, are integrated with the side wall via a thin connection section.

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**IN THE DRAWINGS:**

The Examiner is respectfully requested to approve amendment of Figures 1 and 6 of the application drawings to the extent of:

in Figure 1, add reference numerals "112a" and "308f" with lead lines; and

in Figure 6, change reference numeral "112", to reference numeral "112a", as indicated in red on the enclosed drawing copies.